

Governor Baldacci's
Task Force Promoting Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products
Wednesday, April 25, 2007 12:30 PM-3:30 PM
DEP Response Building, Augusta, Maine
MINUTES

Attendees

Task Force members: David Littell, Brian Dancause, Cathy Reynault, Deb Rice, Kathy Murray, Sharon Tisher, Michael Belliveau, Steve Pinette, Mark Dobrovolny, John Wise
Other Task Force: Karin Tilberg, Office of the Governor, Ginger Jordan-Hillier, staff
Guests: David Wacker, Bureau of Labor Standards, Dr. Ken Geiser U-Mass Lowell by phone UMO Joe Jenko by phone, Dr. Mike Wilson, Univ California-Berkeley by phone
Interested Parties: Jeremy Caron/DAFS, Jetta Antonakas/SPO, Steve Rosario & Steve Hodges/American Chemistry Council, Pattie Aho/Pierce Atwood Consulting, Scott Reed NewPage, Anne Rieter/CMP, Mike Rioux/St. Germain & Assoc.

Work Groups meetings:

Chemical Policy and Information met jointly.

Guest: David Wacker Director SafetyWorks BLS . Presentation by Sharon Tisher on MSDS research and proposal for early action by the Task Force to send comments to Federal OSHA supporting consideration of persistence and bioaccumulation as mandatory health information rather than optional environmental information. BLS/DOL has reviewed the proposed early action and supports this proposed action. Further discussion with BLS re: what is the vehicle to propose that information on bioaccumulation and persistence be required on MSDS sheets provided to Maine public sector workplaces. The Board of Occupational Safety and Health/BOSH has the authority to consider that suggestion. The work groups will bring that to the Full Task Force as a recommendation for the Task Force final report to the Governor.

MSDS email from Sharon T. attached.

Action: Work Groups support

1. Bringing the proposal for early action comments to Federal DOL re: MSDS sheets to the Full Task Force
2. Proposing to the Full Task force that a recommendation be included in their final report to propose that the BOSH mandate inclusion of information on persistence and bioaccumulation on MSDS provided to Maine public sector workplaces.

Green Chemistry: By phone Ken Geiser /U-Mass Lowell and Joe Jenko standing in for Jake Ward from UMO. Information provided by U-Mass on optimal funding for adequate Research and Development capacity. The group discussed :

1. Convening a Green Chemistry /PLA Summit
2. Creation of a Green Chemistry Center at UMO

Call in Presentation and Q&A: Michael Wilson PhD, MPH Assistant Research Scientist the Center for Occupational and Environmental health at University of California, Berkeley and and principal author of Green Chemistry in California: A Framework for Leadership in Chemicals Policy and Innovation. California Policy Research Center, 2006 Discussion on California activity and next steps following the release of the "California Report" and Question and Answer.

Recommendation that Maine Governors office communicate with California Governor's office on opportunities for collaboration.

PowerPoint Attached (and sent also by previous email)

Other Action: The Full Task Force considered the early action request by the Chemical Policy and Information Work Groups to send comments to federal OSHA supporting MSDS inclusion of substance information on persistence and bioaccumulation as mandatory health information rather than optional environmental information.

Task Force members not present will be contacted via email to give them an opportunity to express their concerns if they have any. If there is no objection from that email DEP will contact the Governors office for their approval to proceed with the proposed early action.

EPP Update: Jeremy Caron/DAFS RFQ for janitorial products requiring Green Seal 37 certification has been posted, closed and a vendor selected. More language revisions still need to occur. The Division of Purchases is going to conduct an EPP self assessment.

Next Meetings: See attached calendar reflecting meeting discussion.

Task Force Safer Chemicals Planning Agenda		Wed May 16				Wed June 13	Wed July 11 &25	Wed Aug 15 &?29	Wed Sept 12 & 26	Mon October 1
WED MAY 16, 2007 2:00-3:30PM Room 105, CROSS OFFICE BUILDING AUGUSTA		<u>Presentation</u> IPM Tom Green, President non-profit IPM Council of America				Final report recommendation development begins	Drafting	Final Report	Final Draft	Final report due Oct 1 Task Force ceases
Work Groups:	Possible Work Group Topics: Work Groups will scope out									
CHEMICALS POLICY Rm195 COB 12:30-1:45 Chr. David Littell Focus: Charge # ii. ;Closing the Safety Gap	Jan 8, 2007 Prioritizing Chemicals; List of carcinogens and PBTs to avoid for EPP	Feb 7, 2007 Chemicals of High Concern Health & Safety Data Gaps	March 7, 2007 Phase-Outs & Exemptions Supply Chain Issues Public Education	April 25, 2007 Chemicals of Concern Hazard Communication MSDS info from Sharon T. & Stacie Dave Wacker BLS attends re: MSDS	May 16, 2007 Substitution Planning Labeling, warnings and Right-To-Know!	Wed June 13 Implementation Structure/Process Should work groups be developing recommendations vs considering new info?	Drafting Final Report Subcommittee recommendations and language	Final draft	Final Report due Oct 1	
INFORMATION Rm 105 COB 12:30-1:45 Chr Jim Dill/Kathy Murray Focus: Charge # iii. ;Closing Data Gap & EPP	How can we make data useful for Maine	DEP Mark Hyland on IMERC	NIH.NLM/Stephanie Publicker re: Household Products Database and other NIH.NLM chemical info electronic resources		Mike Martin,Green Cleaning Products	Database management?	Drafting Final Report subcommittee recommendations and language	Final Draft	Final Report due Oct 1	
GREEN CHEMISTRY Rm 302 COB 12:30-1:45 Chr Brian Dancause/Kathy Renault Focus: Charge # iv.;Close Tech Gap, & Bio-based R&D	Review relevant bond proposals May not meet every month	Review draft seed grant report on potato plastics	Review green chemistry R&D needs of university system	Ken Geiser UMO call in re Green Chemistry R& D needs of Univ System	May 16, 2007 POSTPONED Assess needs and next steps	Assess needs and next steps	Drafting Final Report Subcommittee recommendations and language	Final Draft	Final Report due Oct 1	